

Access to Student Recruiting Information by U.S. Military

Under the General Provisions (Section 9528) of the *No Child Left Behind* Act , directory information must be made available to military recruiters in every branch of the U.S. Military, upon their formal request. The text of this section is as follows:

SEC. 9528. ARMED FORCES RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENTS AND STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION.

- **POLICY-**
 - **ACCESS TO STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION-** Notwithstanding section 444(a)(5)(B) of the General Education Provisions Act and except as provided in paragraph (2), each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students names, addresses, and telephone listings.
 - **CONSENT-** A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone listing described in paragraph (1) not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational agency or private school shall notify parents of the option to make a request and shall comply with any request.
 - **SAME ACCESS TO STUDENTS-** Each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to post secondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of those students.

A formal request for directory information was sent to every high school in Michigan with a response date of October 15, 2004. The directory information requested is the name, address and phone number for all juniors and seniors. This is the first request for this information in this school year and this request is from the United States Army. Please note that information must be made available in the same way as it is for post secondary educational Institutions and perspective employers.

In order to receive funding under *No Child Left Behind*, districts must comply with this request. Failure to comply in a timely manner could lead to the withholding of federal funds.